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Coming Events

April 1 **Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo** - Baltimore Convention Center
Business meeting and Auction - 11 AM to 1 PM - Room TBD
Guest speaker - Mitzi Stratemeyer
"An American Tragedy" talk about the death of Lincoln and Johns Wilkes Booth

June 24 **Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo** - Baltimore Convention Center
Business meeting and Auction - 11 AM to 1 PM - Room TBD

Sept 9 **Swap Meet** Grace United Methodist Church - 5407 N. Charles St. - Noon to 3 PM
Bring yourself, Bring a guest, Come to Sell, Buy, Trade and Swap

Nov 11 **Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo** - Baltimore Convention Center
Business meeting and Auction - 11 AM to 1 PM - Room TBD





The President's Message

As I hit my 21st year as the President of the Maryland Token and Medal Society, I am very thankful for the help I get from so many of our members. This all goes a very long way to make the Maryland Token and Medal Society the quality organization that it is. Just in the last few years we have seen folks step in to take open offices such as Treasurer (Bill Stratemeyer), Secretary (Bryce Deacon) and Journal Editor (Jane Sears). Such efforts have allowed MD TAMS to remain strong and viable. I have been extremely impressed with the dedication and quality of effort put forth by Jane who has certainly added some new, exciting touches to our Maryland TAMS Journal. She has also made some changes to our delivery and publication process for the Journal that will allow us to get our latest information out to our member base quicker and at a much more reasonable cost. Major kudos to Jane for her proactive approach to making our Journal and our club even better. Thanks too to Bill for his successful handling of some banking issues that arose as a result of Susquehanna Bank being taken over by BB&T Bank. On the transfer process, some of our documentation was lost or misplaced, and we had to produce some additional paperwork to conform to banking requirements. Bill put a fair amount of time to getting MD TAMS back to BB&T standards. Whenever you get a chance, please thank Bryce, Bill and Jane for the time and effort they put in to make MD TAMS an outstanding organization. Thanks to the folks who do other things such as write articles, references, run our auctions, etc. It is a team sport!!!! I need to clarify our winter, foul weather plan. At our recent Swap Meet, we had some confusion in this area for which I apologize. Almost all our functions are on Saturday. If Baltimore City schools are closed on Friday or close early on Friday, we will not meet on Saturday. If bad weather does not arrive until late Friday or early Saturday, and the Baltimore City schools cancel school activities for Saturday, we will not meet on Saturday. I hope that this will help avoid future bad weather related event planning.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Hunt Valley-Timonium Coin & Currency Show
Mar 19, 2017 Lutherville-Timonium, MD

Middle River Coin Club Show
Mar 26, 2017 9am-2pm
Victory Villa Community Center
404 Compass Rd., Middle River, MD

Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo
Mar 30 - Apr 2, 2017 Baltimore, MD
APRIL 1 MD TAMS 11 AM - 1 PM

Westminster MD Coin & Currency Show
Apr 23, 2017 Westminster, MD

Hunt Valley-Timonium Coin & Currency Show
Apr 30, 2017 Lutherville-Timonium, MD

The Frederick MD Coin & Currency Show
May 20 - May 21, 2017 Frederick, MD

Annapolis Coin & Currency Show
Jun 4, 2017 Annapolis, MD

Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo
Jun 22 - Jun 25, 2017 Baltimore, MD
JUNE 24 MD TAMS 11AM - 1PM

Catonsville Coin Club Show
Aug 13, 2017 10am-4pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
1010 Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD

Don't FORGET!

Our Annual Meeting

June 24, Whitman Coin & Collectibles
Baltimore Convention Center
11 AM to 1 PM - Room TBD

Hunt Valley-Timonium Coin & Currency Show
Aug 27, 2017 Lutherville-Timonium, MD

Annapolis Coin & Currency Show
Sep 3, 2017 Annapolis, MD

SWAP MEET SEPT 9 NOON TO 3 PM
GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CEO Coins Currency &
Treasures Ocean City Coin Show
Sep 29 - Oct 1, 2017 Ocean City, MD

Hunt Valley-Timonium Coin & Currency Show
Oct 15, 2017 Lutherville-Timonium, MD

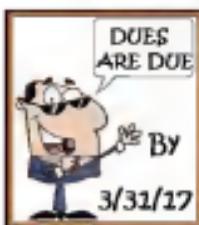
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Oct 22, 2017 Westminster, MD

The Frederick MD Coin & Currency Show
Nov 4 - Nov 5, 2017 Frederick, MD

Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo
Nov 9 - 12, 2017 Baltimore, MD
NOV 11 MD TAMS 11 AM - 1 PM

Annapolis Coin & Currency Show
Nov 26, 2017 Annapolis, MD

Hunt Valley-Timonium Coin & Currency Show
Dec 17, 2017 Lutherville-Timonium, MD



TOKEN-TRIVIA

Wm. E. Bruce was blind in one eye. Caused by?



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Editor's Note

ANNUAL MEETING
Election of officers
If you wish to run for a position. PLEASE
Contact one of the officers on the front page.



From the Editor

Hello Fellow Members

The 2016 Winter edition was sent out without any problems. Some emails came back undeliverable. I will try to get it corrected and will update the email addresses. Those who received emails were pleased.

If you wish to receive the journal by email - you must supply your email address. Keep your emails up to date. Remember the email edition of the journal is in color.

As I was going over the membership list, I saw many names I have not heard from. I want to start a section for members who don't like to write articles but have something to share with the club. It will cover a token or medal that you supply some information. Maybe, a "go with" item that makes your token or medal special with a very short, short story of your adventure of seeking your treasure. (Remember our journal is so many pages). As always I will plug for articles to fill the journal. It is your way to share and tell others about your tokens or medals.

With our journals on Newman Portal, I mentioned the site to Jack Phillips. He was the founder and editor of The American Play Money Society (APMS) which was founded in 1996 and ended June 2002. A total of 25 newsletters were published. He also mentioned that he has his APMS web site available. He is scanning and download the issues there. <http://s88204154.onlinehome.us/apms/> He said he would check out the Newman site. It was nice to go back in time and browse thru the issues.

E-Mail Updates Needed



Remember
Keep your email
UP TO DATE

- The MD TAMS often e-mails members with information that is time-sensitive. In many cases, the e-mails are returned undeliverable. Please keep MD TAMS informed of changes in your e-mail address, so that we can send your

information on a timely basis. You can e-mail us to let us know your new address, and we will update our records.

Thanks!
Jane

maryscars@comcast.net



This section is for anything that a member wishes to share with our fellow membership. Send them in.

I came across this token from an auction lot and found it to be an unlisted denomination in the MD Merchant Token book. It's an aluminum token from the Wm. R. Purcell Company Store – Berlin, MD. It is denominated "1" and the denominations listed are 5, 10, 25, 50 & 100. Sent in by Steven Kawalec.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



BILL MILLER

Bill's article 'Re-thinking the James Cole Store Card and the "Baltimore Token" was published in the TAMS Journal (January/February 2017, Vol. LVII No.1) www.tokenandmedal.org. It was a very informative article and a great read. Check it out!

ED CRAIG

Ed attended the festivities in Hawaii for the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

WALLY STONE

At the time of the last journal release Wally was release from the hospital and is now taking his scheduled treatments. Wishing you well, Wally.

JIM LONG

We are sad to pass on that long time member Jim Long's wife passed away. We were late in getting the word but hope that you will keep Jim and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

This article appeared in the Maryland Historical Society
MDHS News / Winter 2016 (page 25)

MEET THE MEMBERS

Meet Russ & Jane Sears

COLLECTING THE HISTORY OF BALTIMORE

Russ and Jane Sears have been MdHS members for 28 years and are Baltimore natives. The husband and wife team are historians and collectors of various Baltimore artifacts. When they aren't searching for new artifacts to add to their collection, Russ and Jane participate in multiple historical and collector organizations, such as the Maryland Token & Medal Society, which has awarded them numerous literary awards.



Russ and Jane Sears

What area of Maryland's history interests you the most? Why?

Russ: As collectors of the region's artifacts, we are interested in all aspects of Baltimore history because it tells our story. We grew up here and identify with the history of Maryland.

We understand that you have a small museum in your house! We would love to hear about that!

Russ: We collect artifacts from different parts of the history of Baltimore, some of which date back as early as the 1700's. We have tokens, medals, stock certificates, bonds, lottery tickets, transportation documents, documents concerning the building of Lock Number and the tunnel system that comes out of it into Lake Monstello, and that's just to name a few. We can pull artifacts that people of all walks of life are able to relate to in some way.

What is your most prized possession in your collection, and why?

Russ: The B&O ledger book for the transfer of stock from 1875 that documents the exercises of Johns Hopkins' will regarding his stock ownership to the Johns Hopkins University. It is my favorite because it created the environment without which there would be no Johns Hopkins today.

*Jane: I prefer our Robert E. Lee piece, which is a *constitution* document that details the *joy* of *losers* who worked at Fort Carroll. It was certified by Lee who was the head engineer in the late 1840s, and early 1850s.*

What spurred your interest in collecting historic artifacts?

Russ: I started collecting coins and coins at 12 years old, but became more interested in tokens and medals, mainly because I enjoyed the historical stories that went along with each piece. I passed some onto Jane and she found it to be interesting as well.

Jane: I like the experience of searching for new artifacts at antique shows, flea markets and similar events.

What would someone be surprised to learn about you?

Jane: I don't talk much unless I super know you and then I can go a mile or more!

Russ: I served on the Baltimore City Anti-Predatory Lending Task Force, which focused on eliminating predatory actions against the city residents in the sale and financing of homes.

What is your favorite part about being a member?

We enjoy the programs, the exhibits, as well as being able to relate the artifacts in our collection to the things in MdHS's vast collection.

What would you tell someone who is considering joining the Maryland Historical Society?

*We would encourage everyone to join MdHS because of all the educational programs, research opportunities, and the chance to see real things from history. **

Harfod County Civil War Dog Tag

by June Sears LM12



obverse



reverse

Obverse: * MAJOR GENERAL GBO B. McCLELLAN * / (bust of McClellan) / WAR OF 1861

Reverse: WILLIAM E. BRUCE / CO. C. / 7TH MD. / VOL. / PROSPECT P.O. / HARFORD CO. MD.
(Prospect is misspelled - should be Prospect)

1 3/16" round, brass, holed at top



The best way to tell the story of this man is in chronological order. All the information is from government reference forms.

Timeline - 7th Regiment Co. C. for the period of time for Wm. E. Bruce enlistment

1861

August & September	Organized at Baltimore, Md. under Colonel Edwin H. Webster and Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Phelps.
September 18	moved to the Antietam and attached to Kenly's Maryland Brigade, Defense Upper Potomac, 8th Army Corps, Middle Department
September 20 to 21	defense of Williamsport, MD
October & November	duty between Williamsport and Hagerstown
November 6	Col. Webster resigned to take his seat as member of the United States House of Representatives. Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. Phelps took command of the regiment.
December 11& 12	moved to Maryland Heights

1862

March	attached to 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 8th Army Corps
April 9	at Boliver Heights
April 30	moved to Grafton and Charlestown, W. VA to repel invasion
May 1 to 28	operations against Jones and Imboden
May 30	return to Maryland Heights
June	attached to Maryland Brigade, French's Division, 8th Army Corps
June 30	retreat to Frederick, MD
July 1 to 6	guard bridges over Monocacy
July 7	recognition of Maryland Heights
July 10	joined 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, 1st Army Corps, Army of the Potomac near Bannistersburg, MD
July 12 to 24	pursuit of Lee to Warrenton, VA
July 12 & 13	Funkstown
July 25 to 27	at Warrenton Junction
August 4	near Rappahannock Station
September 18 to 18	advance to the Rapidan
October 9 to 22	the Bristoe Campaign
October 14	at Bristoe Station

William E. Bruce

1837 Nov. - William E. Bruce was born in November 1837 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

1860 MD. - Harford Co. Dist. 3

Wm Bruce	21	wheelwright	PA
James Harvey	31	wheelwright	MD
Eliz. A.	28		MD

1862 August 18 - Mustered on in Bel Air, Harford Co., MD

Companies C and H were enlisting men from Harford County.

1862 Sept 4 - Muster in Roll - Baltimore, MD

Mustered to date Aug. 1862

1862 Sept 20 - Sick in hospital at Williams Port, MD (Oct 31/62 absent)

1862 Oct 31 - Company Muster Roll for enlistment to Oct 31, 1862 - absent

1862 Dec 31 - Company Muster Roll for enlistment to Dec 31, 1862 - present

1863 Jan & Feb - Company Muster Roll for Jan & Feb 1863 - present

1863 Mar. - Detailed as teamster R. O. No. 35 Mar. 16 '63

1863 Mar & Apr - Company Muster Roll - Absent

Detailed as RegtI teamster RegtI order No. 35 Mch. 16' 63

1863 April 10 - Special Muster Roll for April 10, 1863 - present

1863 Apr - Absent on duty at Harper's Ferry, VA

1863 May & June - Det'd. RegtI teamster R. O. # 22 Feb.

1863 May & June - Detailed as RegtI teamster RegtI order No. 35 Mch 15, 63

1863 July & Aug - Company Muster Roll - Absent sick

1863 July to Sept. - Absent sick

1863 Sept 28 Co. Muster-out Roll - Arlington Heights, VA May 31, 1865 age 23 years

Discharged Washington, DC by order General Martindale for Physical Disability

1863 Sept & Oct Company Muster Roll - Discharge Oct 5/63 at Convalescent Camp for physical disability

1863 Oct Less Oct. 5/63 at Convalescent Camp, Washington - Discharged for disability.

Incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of vascular disease of the heart contraction since enlistment. Degree of disability two thirds (2/3) unfit for invalid corp.

1863 Oct. Certificate of Disability for Discharge

He enlisted in the 7th Regiment Infantry Company C for a period of 3 years service.

He was 24 years old, single and listed as occupation as machinist

5ft. 5 1/2in tall, light complexion, blue eyes and light hair

Private Co. C 7th Reg't of MD Volunteers - Capt. Bouldin

Station: Convalescent Camp VA - date Sept 23th 1863

1863 Baltimore Directory - Bruce, Wm. E. occ. truss maker residence: 448 w Baltimore

1865 Nov. 18*21 Married Mary M. McFadden in Harford Co., MD

1870 MD - Harford Co. Dist 5 Harve Grace

Bruce Wm	self	30 yrs old	occ. farming	born MD
Mary	wife	35 yrs old	keep house	born MD
Edith	daa	4 yrs old		born MD
Mary	daa	2 yrs old		born MD

1873 Del. - Wilmington, Bruce, Wm. E. occ. carpenter residence: 310 E 24

1880 Del. - Wilmington, New Castle, residence: West Front St.

Bruce Wm E.	40 yrs old	occ. carpenter	BLIND IN ONE EYE - FROM SMALLPOX	born MD
Amelia wife	45 yrs old	keep house		born MD
Edith E.	13 yrs old			born MD
Mary L.	12 yrs old			born MD

1883 Delaware Directory - Wilmington, Bruce, Wm. E. laborer born: B near Herald

1890 Pension - Service Co. C 7 MD Inf.

Date of filing 1890, July 15 Invalid 891081 Certificate No. 689015 State from which filed Del.

1893 Delaware Directory - Bruce, Wm. E. - residence: 1210 B

1895-6 Delaware, Wilmington, Directory - Bruce, Wm. E. (Mary M), flour and feed 425 Herald, born: 1210 B St

1900 Delaware, New Castle, Wilmington residence: 1210 B St

Bruce Wm. E.	born Nov 1837	62 yrs old	married 35 yrs	born PA	occ. Feed Store
Mary M. wife	born May 1831	69 yrs old	married 35 yrs	born MD	2/2 children
Cook Edith M.	daa	33 yrs old	married 3 yrs	10 children	
Cook Chas. A. s/l	born Mar 1874	26 yrs old	married 3 yrs	* (note: died 1924)	

1908 Jan 13 Died at the age of 69 yrs occupation: merchant - widower

Residence: 1210 B St. died of Typhoid Pneumonia

1908 Jan 16 Buried at Riverview Cemetery, 3300 N. Market St., New Castle Co., Wilmington, Del.

1908-1909 His will - gives his store and stable 335 and 337 Herold Street in city of Wilmington to his daughter Mary L. Magie. His house at 1210 B St. to his daughter Edith M. Cook.



Teamsters at work



Hospital stay

Return of a Death in the City of Wilmington.

1. Name of deceased.	W.M. Bruce
2. Color.	White
3. Sex.	Male
4. Age.	69 yrs
5. Widowed, Married or Single.	Widower
6. Date of Death.	Jan 13-1908
7. Cause of Death.	Typhoid Pneumonia
8. Occupation.	Merchant
9. Place of Birth.	Ma.
10. Where buried.	None of Father, None of Mother.
11. Ward.	2nd
12. Street and Number.	1210 B St.
13. Date of Burial.	Jan 16-1908
14. Place of Burial.	Riverview Cemetery James J. Chandler, Undertaker

Death Certificate No. T1142

References

U. S. Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865

U. S. Civil War Pension Index General Index to Pension Files 1861-1934

Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865

Fold3: Military Unit: Miscellaneous card abstracts of Records

Certificate of Disability for Discharge

U. S. Census 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900

Delaware Death Records, 1811-1933 - New Castle 1908 B - Bruce

Delaware, Wills and Probate Records, 1676-1971, New Castle

Military Records on Line - United States Regiments and Batteries - Maryland - 7th Maryland

* Maryland Marriages 1666-1970 at FamilySearch

* Maryland County Marriages, 1658-1940 at FamilySearch

Harford County marriages 1805-1899 at Harford County Historical Society

Brace, William E.

NAME	Wm. E. Brace
ADDRESS	
AGE	69 yrs
DEATH DATE	Jan 13-1908
DEATH PLACE	1210 B St.
REGISTRATION NO.	689 018
INVESTIGATOR NO.	126
RECORDED BY	H. H. Haynesworth

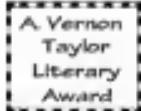
Civil War Pension Card



Certificate of Disability for Discharge



Thanks to Russ for editing



Here is the list of articles and authors for the journal 2016 issues.

VERNON TAYLOR LITERARY AWARDS

2016 Vol. 42 No. 1 Whole No. 147 Spring
 6- Notes from the Eastern Shore - Bill Miller
 7- World War 1 Bonas Army - Russ Sears
2016 Vol. 43 No. 2 Whole No. 148 Summer
 4- Notes from the Eastern Shore - Bill Miller
 7- Star Spangled Banner Celebration, 1914 -
 Russ Sears
2016 Vol. 44 No. 3 Whole No. 149 Fall
 15 - Notes from the Eastern Shore - Bill Miller

16- C. J. Lorre Oyster Co.- W. W. Stone
 18- Capt. Walter Duke - Carl Neeley
2016 Winter
 7 - Greenwood Park - Baltimore - Russ Sears
 9 - Ex-Editor Notes by W. Wallace Stone R-47
 15 - Cecil County Canners - Bernie Bodt R-282
 17 - St. Mary's County Maryland Sheriff's Office -
 375th Anniversary Coin - Carl Neeley

See who will win the Vernon Taylor Literary Awards?

Attend the annual meeting on June 24th at the Baltimore Convention Center

Carmine, Lamdin & Co. Brass Shell Card Token

Russ Sears LM 11

This shell card looks like a regular advertising token. However, instead of being struck between two dies like a coin is made, this piece is made by embossing each side and putting the pieces together. The end result looks like it is one solid piece but you can feel that it is not solid.

That is, if you ever get to see and touch one. Most shell cards are ultra rare. We believe that this Carmine, Lamdin & Co. piece is the only one known. After searching for over 35 years, we were finally able to acquire this one.



"Use Carmine, Lamdin & Co's Trade Mark Big Sea Oysters" 1870 34mm

Unlisted in Maryland Merchant Tokens by Schenkman.

Unlisted in standard catalog of United States TOKENS 1700 -1800 by Rulau.

Listed as B-MD-170 in The Token and Medal Society Guide
to U. S. Shell Cards 1867-1880 by Q. David Bowers

This company is listed in Baltimore's Packing & Canning Industry by Jane Sears as Foot of Broadway 1874 and 95 Thames Street 1875-84. We found that 95 Thames Street became 1709 Thames Street with the change of address numbers in 1886. Currently this address, which is at the foot of Broadway, no longer exists. What was the address is now just a bulkhead and water.

The company was owned by Thomas and James Carmine and Thomas Lamdin. Further research in Jane Sears' book showed that the men operated various companies using one name or using multiple names of the three men between 1872 and 1884.

MARYLAND *Mavericks*



Think it's Maryland? Not Sure? No Leads? Send a description of your Maryland Maverick to the Editor.

DO NOT SEND THE ITEM: Send a copy or describe item like sample below:

This maverick token was attributed to CUMBERLAND, MD by John Mutch.

Union Club of Allegany Co., Inc.
Alum., Oct. 23mm / sent in by Steven Kawalec



WE NEED YOUR MAVERICKS

They will be reviewed before they are added to the journal.



MD TAMS SWAP

January Swap Meet

Jan 14 Grace United Methodist Church - 5407 N. Charles St. - Noon to 3 PM

The weather forecast was looking dismal for the day. Saturday events for Baltimore City Schools were canceled but, the church was open. Our members from the shore showed up and there was plenty of buying and selling. Sorry we missed you.

Member having tables 4 In Attendance 9

1- Russ/Jane, 2 - Ed, 3 - Bauers & 4 - Thomas and Hudson

Attending - Ed Craig, Jane & Russ Sears, Gerald Hudson, Brian K. Thomas, Bryce Doxson, Laura Malik, M. Drummond, Howard and J. R. Bauer.



The weather was not a problem.



It is time again when the MD TAMS has its election of Officers and Directors. Below you will current slate of candidates who are running for office. The election will be held at the annual meeting at the Whitman Coin Show on 24 June 2017. According to our rules and by-laws, the list of candidate must be made known and published prior to the election. This satisfies that requirement. There is still time to add names to this candidate list right up to the day of the election. If anyone wants to add their name to the list, please feel free to do so by contacting the officers on the front page of journal.

The current candidate list is as follows:

PRESIDENT: Edward L. Craig

VICE-PRESIDENT: Joseph Barford

TREASURER: William L. Stratemeyer

SECRETARY: Bryce Doxson

DIRECTORS: Bernie Bost and Miffled Hajek

TOMATOES AND GRAVEL

Bernie Bodt R-282

For many of the small sized cannery operations, the business was secondary to their main occupation. In the case of my ancestors for three generations this was true, as their primary vocations were as carpenters and cabinet makers. Granted during the year there were spurts of activity in spring with planting and ordering supplies, and later in the summer with harvesting and canning the crops. Frank Maxa operated as one of these canners with dual occupations.

Frank Maxa (pronounced Moxa) emigrated from Vienna, Austria to Aberdeen, MD about 1890. He owned property on the western side of Aberdeen, where he discovered large deposits of sand and gravel. When the U. S. Government purchased the land to create Aberdeen Proving Ground in 1917, he supplied much of the gravel to build the extensive road network at that facility.

During this same period Frank Maxa was involved in canning tomatoes. He was listed from 1915 to 1926 in the Canners Directories published by the National Canners Association head-quartered in Washington, D. C.

Tokens from Frank's operations are:

- 1) F. MAXA / 5

(blank)

brass, 22mm



- 2) F. MAXA / 50

(blank)

brass, octagon, 26mm



- 3) F. MAXA / 1.00

(blank)

brass, 32mm



- 4) F. MAXA / 5.00

(blank)

brass, octagon, 32mm



It is interesting to note anytime the above tokens are located they are usually accompanied by brass tokens having numbers only on one side. The numbered tokens usually appear to be uncirculated.

The tokens with numbers are:

5) 5

(blank)

brass, 22mm



6) 25

(blank)

brass, square, 24mm



7) 1.00

(blank)

brass, 32 mm



8) 5.00

(blank)

brass, octagon, 32mm



Could it be these tokens were used in a tally system not only in the canning business, but as a system to measure the loads of gravel hauled? We may never be certain.

As a final tribute, the Maxa Road Bridge over Interstate 95 (mile marker 85.6) is just north of the Ripken Stadium, which connected Frank Maxa's home property to his gravel pits.



Our email journal is coming to you faster than this Owl is moving.



HELP !

**MORE
ARTICLES ARE
NEEDED !**

If you liked the content of this journal, help by sending an article in for the next issue.

CHAPTER PENNIES OF THE PRINCE HALL MASON

by Frank Pugliese

Jan's family was very active in the Baltimore Masonic and Shrine organizations. It was therefore natural to include Masonic exonumia in her hometown collection. The collection has 12 Royal Arch pennies attributed to Baltimore and bordering communities. This includes two Phoenix Chapter pennies, one addressed as Essex and the other as Baltimore. The only reference we have is King's Masonic Chapter Pennies. There was no Chapter 2 or Chapter 10 listed. At the end of the U.S. Section, there is a chapter listing miscellaneous, clandestine and other pennies. There are three Baltimore listing in this chapter: Zeruhabel No. 4 (which is a false Masonic organization), Thekla Chapter No 18, and Berean Chapter No 23. We have never seen pennies from these chapters.

Two years ago we found a penny from King David Chapter No 1, established in 1876. This gave us not one but two RAM Chapter 1 pennies in Baltimore- Concordia and King David. Why two Chapter 1s?

We checked with everyone we knew who had knowledge of the organization but got no answer. Prince Hall, a Black Masonic organization, was suggested. However, every Prince Hall penny we've seen over the years was so marked.

At the November 2016 Baltimore show, Irv Crowl asked about Masonic items. In the course of our conversation, I mentioned the King David penny. He too suggested Prince Hall but had never heard of this chapter. He asked if I could bring it to the next Baltimore show, which I did. He examined and photographed the piece and said he would see what he could find. In July, he returned with information on not only that chapter but on a number of others as well.

The King David No 1 turned out to be a Prince Hall Chapter as several had suggested. He said the information was simple to find as he went on the internet. (Sometimes I wish I weren't a Luddite!) The site listed ten lodges in Maryland and seven affiliated in Germany (3), Italy, Baghdad (in transition), Kuwait and one more "in transition". There are two lodges in Baltimore besides King David: Mount Zion No. 2, and Keystone No. 10, both of which we have.

The other MD chapters are as follows:

Hope Chapter No. 6 – Severna Park

Corinthian No. 20 – Indian Head (King lists it as Pomonkey)

Boaz No.21 - Havre de Grace

Luther Jackson No. 22 – Salisbury (King lists this as Prince Hall No. 22 in Catonsville)

Samuel T. Daniels No. 107 - Severna Park

King Solomon No. 114 - Rockville

Mount Moriah No.119 - Dundalk

Hope this gives Maryland collectors more "stuff" to look for.

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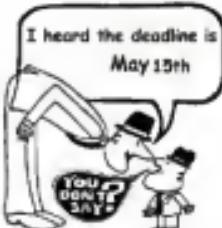
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